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## Notes and Comments.

HOW ABOUT the 3000 subscribers?

HAVE you renewed your subscription to the EVANGELIST? DO SO NOW.

THE College Literary Society held its first meeting of the term, Friday night.

DISTRICT Conferences should give special attention to the subject of Home Mission work.

LET nothing hinder you from making an honest, earnest effort to swell the subscription list to 3000.

OUR people realize more and more that the proper person to hold their revival meeting is the pastor.

WE still have on hand about 400 copies of the Almanac. Send your order for a copy. Only ten cents, \$1.00 per dozen.

TWO HUNDRED and fifty-two millions Bibles printed in the last ninety-two years. Is the Bible losing its influence? The next century will print double that number.

LET pastors give special attention to the organization of the young people. They are a great help to the pastor and a power for good, when their efforts are properly organized.

DOES your paper come to you regularly? If not, please write us a postal card at once. We are exercising the greatest care possible, yet errors may occur, which will be gladly corrected, when discovered.

AMONG the agencies of the church, humanly speaking, next to the Christian ministry, its literature is the most important, and exerts the most powerful influence for good. Therefore next to the support of your pastor, give your support to the Publishing House of the church. Help to make our *literature* a success, and other things will naturally follow.

HOW MANY and what resolutions for the new year have you made? There is something more important than making these resolutions. It is carrying them out. The one you can do with but very little if any self-denial; the other requires will-power and a great deal of the grace of God. The will power you must furnish yourself, grace, God will give you in great abundance for the mere asking.

WE have frequently called attention to the importance of condensing your church news. It is not meant that anything of importance should be left out of your reports. We gladly give room for anything that will interest our people. As an example of condensed news and business, the following postal card from Brother McFaden is to the point:

DEAR BROTHER:—Fine meetings at Preston. Twenty confessions. More coming. New place.

Send me:—

100 Golden Baptisms,  
100 Taffy Dishes,  
24 Year Books.

Preston, Nebr.

QUICK.

Of, course, when the meeting is over we want and hope to get, a more complete report. But as a mere announcement this is excellent.

THE following words from the *Christian Guardian* of Dec. 25, we commend to the consideration of our ministers:

The grand end of all preaching is the salvation of those who hear, and this should be kept constantly in view by the preacher. Nothing that has not a direct relation to this end has any business in the pulpit. But in addition to this general purpose, each sermon should have a specific aim of its own. This aim may be to refute prevalent error which stands in the way of the salvation of the people; it may be to call attention to a neglected duty, and to move the hearers to the instant and earnest discharge of it, because it lies in the way of their salvation; it may be to encourage and stimulate the members of the church in their work of faith and labor of love, especially in their direct efforts to rescue the perishing and lead them to Christ that they may be saved; it may be to rebuke the sloth, the indifference, and the loose living of believers, not only because these things endanger their own souls, but because they block the way of salvation to others; it may be to awaken the sinner to a sense of his guilt and ruin, and to shut him up to Christ as the only way of salvation; it may be any of these, or of a hundred other things that will readily occur to an earnest and thoughtful minister of Christ. But whatever it is, it must be clearly defined in the mind of the sermon, and this specific end must be held in strict subordination to that which is the grand purpose of all Christian efforts, the salvation of all men, the saved and the unsaved. And, whatever the theme may be, it should be so treated as to make it perfectly plain to the sinner that it is his individual salvation that the preacher has in view, and for which he is pleading as he would plead for his life.

THE *Religious Telescope* very truthfully says that a good way to test the genuineness of your revival is to take up a collection, and ask for subscriptions to your church paper.